GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Mumbai Airport Accident
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high level committee which probed the Mumbai airport accident where an Air India technician died after being sucked inside the aircraft has directed the airline to ban entry of unauthorised persons in cockpit, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said committee has also suggested strict measures to ensure there is no repeat of the said incident, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said committee has said that crew must board the aircraft 20 minutes prior to the actual departure and minimum 30 minutes of time gap should be there in case of change of aircraft between two consecutive flights, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Air India in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): Yes, Madam. The committee has made certain safety recommendations in order to prevent such accidents/incidents in future. One of the recommendations states that Cabin Crew not to allow entry of un-authorized person in the cockpit.;
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(b): Yes, Madam. The Committee has made safety recommendations to prevent such accidents/incidents in future. The recommendations are enclosed as Annexure-I.;
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(c): Yes, Madam. One of the safety recommendations made by the committee states that Air India to issue guidelines stating that crew must board aircraft 20 minutes prior to actual scheduled departure and minimum 30 minutes of time gap should be there in case of change of Aircraft between two consecutive flights.
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(d): The steps taken by Air India are as under:

i. Air India Flight Safety Department has incorporated the recommendations of the Committee including that 30 minutes of time gap should be there in case of change of Aircraft between two consecutive flights undertaken by pilots.
ii. Revised SOP(Standard Operating Procedure) for push back formulated with inputs from all stake holders and is implemented.
iii. Corrective training for the operating crew as recommended by DGCA is imparted.
iv. Air India has reiterated the SOP pertaining to entry of authorized personnel only in the Flight Deck.